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As a calamity howler the Republican party is a dazzling success.

Pass the Wilson Bill and give a lie to the Republican calamity howlers.

The passage of the Wilson Bill will prove the Democratic party equal to the emergency.

ADAM BOWMAN might try the Sampsonian plan for gaining strength—let his hair grow out.

THE other candidates need not be afraid of John Brabson's political lightning rod—it's insulated.

It seems that John Brabson ought to tell, by the vane on his lightning rod, which way the wind is blowing.

THE great paunch dance of the Congressional candidates is still playing to crowded houses over the district.

WHATEVER else may be said of W. C. Anderson, it will never be thrown up to him in after years that he got the nomination.

MILBURN talks like he had been in the war business ever since the sacking of Bagdad by the grandson of Genghi's Khan.

CHARLIE JENNINGS has simply asked the people to elect him State Attorney. He will not make any effort to hypnotize the people like his competitors.

SPEAKER CRISP is confident that the Wilson tariff bill will be passed by the House before the first of February, and it will not be necessary to deny any man the right to be heard thereon in order to get it through by that time.

CHRISTMAS, the slowest of all days to the child, has come with its joys and blessings, and gone leaving us with weak resolutions hovering over our heads, but to most of us that administration pie is still a thing of the future.

THE Republican party's frantic effort to carry every industry wounded under the McKinley Bill into this Administration to die, is as ridiculous as impudent. The Democratic party does not propose to be an infirmatory or morgue for the crippled and dead industries of Republican misrule.

Pass the Wilson Bill!

REPRESENTATIVE CULBERTSON, chairman of the House Judiciary committee considers it very doubtful whether a bankruptcy bill of any kind will get through the House at this session, although, Representative Bailey, will endeavor to push his voluntary bankruptcy bill and Representative Oates will introduce a new bill modifying Torrey bill, which was recently killed in the House.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign, the new head of the Knights of Labor, speaker of the tariff said: "I am an out and out free trader. The so called protection of American labor is a delusion. Labor is not protected. Invested capital receives a bonus in the form of protection, and it is then optional with the capitalist to give a share of the bonus to labor in the form of increased wages. But this option is seldom, if ever, exercised." There is food for reflection in these words of Mr Sovereign, who is certainly in a position to speak from the point of view of the American wage earner.

THE Morristown Republican charges us with opprobrium upon the old soldier. We do not intend to do so. We only wish to show how ridiculous it is for a man to make his war record the issue of a campaign, as Mr. Milburn is doing. The day has passed when a man can make his attitude in the war the basis of all his actions, and give general satisfaction. Liberty and freedom, like virtue, are their own rewards. Everything else being equal we would be in favor of an old soldier, but in this case everything else is not equal. We are, therefore, in favor of allowing Mr. Milburn to enjoy the freedom he fought so hard to establish and insist on his remaining free from the enslaving influences of the constituency of the First District. The Union is its own reward.

Pass the Wilson Bill.

The inquiring mind has often pondered on the question as to why it was necessary for Christ to become incarnate, suffer vicariously and be crucified in order to perfect a plan of salvation. The conclusion is always reached that it was the only plan which could be devised by an omniscient Father. If it had been left to man every one would have submitted a different plan according to his environments.

The majority of Democratic council say that the Wilson Bill is the only plan of salvation for the Democratic party. The only means which will be wholesome both to the saviour and the saved—the party and the people. Then what is the use of a member who is blinded by his own coal interests, or his own lumber interests, or his own iron ore interests, or his own wool interests, to howl around because he is not allowed the privilege to devise a plan. It's just like an infidel saying that God could have saved the world in some other way, except that revealed.

The country demands relief of the Democratic party. The situation has rendered it impossible to pass any other than the Wilson Bill. It is, therefore, the only source of relief. Let us have no more physical tests. Pass the Wilson Bill. Give us a little something to be chewing on now, for fear it will be late before you get dinner ready.

THE Connecticut and New York tobacco growers are crying for protection. The privilege of supplying this country with its genuine Havana is not to be surrendered without a struggle.—*Courier-Journal*.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana in the case of Mrs. Mary Haggard vs. John Stehlin, in which the former claimed damages because of the location of a saloon owned by the latter next to her residence, is attracting much attention. The court held that the saloon-keeper was liable for damages. At Indianapolis it is thought that the effect of the decision will be to drive the saloons from the residence into the business portions of the various Indiana cities. The temperance advocates are said to be preparing to take advantage of the decision by inaugurating a campaign against the saloon-keepers in all parts of the State.

HOOD'S GUARANTEES

a cure. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Revision is for the Benefit of the Masses.

The struggle for tariff revision must be fought to an early and successful issue, because it is a struggle for the rights and interest of the people.

The McKinley law is a law for the benefit of millionaire manufacturers and wealthy employers. It is a law for the benefit of the classes, not the masses. It protects capital, but not labor. It swells the profits of the wage payer, but does not the wage earner. It stifles foreign competition with American manufacturers, but encourages foreign competition with American laborers. By closing mills and factories months in the year it has robbed the working classes of steady employment. By raising prices of the necessities of life it has imposed grievous burdens upon all in needy or moderate circumstances. In short, the rich have been its beneficiaries and the poor its sufferers.

It is the purpose of revision to right the monstrous wrongs and remove these oppressive burdens from the people. Its purpose is to make living cheaper for the masses by reducing needless taxes on the necessities of life and to better the condition of the working millions by giving more steady employment without lowering wages.

This is not to be done and cannot be done by making destructive war upon manufacturers and employers. Any revision which injures trade and industry must injure the country and the people. Prosperity for employees must be sought through prosperity for employers. The curse of high protection is that it blights trade and industry, and wrings exactness from the many to swell the gains of the few. Such a policy is oligarchical and ruinous. Revision is democratic and designed to benefit the many as the few.

The Wilson bill presents two leading features. First it reduces taxes on the necessities of life. This will be a boon to the toiling masses. The well to do can afford to pay for high priced living whatever the cost may be they do not suffer deprivation. To millions high prices for the necessities of life mean denial of comforts, and to hundreds of thousands they mean hard ship and suffering.

Second, it puts the most important raw materials on the free list. The effect of this must be to widen the market for American manufactures, which will keep our mills and factories busier and thus give more steady employment to our wage earners. Steady employment means regular wages, and this with cheaper living means better times for workingmen.

The people of the country realized these vital truths when they denounced protection and voted to throw off its burdens. The task of doing it was intrusted to the Democrats. It remains for them to obey this imperative popular command. They must carry judicious revision without needless delay, because it is the will of the people and is for the relief of the people.—*New York Herald*.

Pension Agent.

Major Carpenter, of Knoxville, has been appointed Pension Agent at Knoxville, in place of Capt. Wm. Rule. This is an appointment in accordance with the wishes of a great majority of the Republicans of East Tennessee. Yet, we must say that we differ with our party as to that.

We believe the graceful act and courtesies that usually obtain demanded the appointment of Mr. Patterson, and in taking this position, we, for sufficient reasons, are not influenced by personal considerations. But, Knoxville, the seat of the agency, is the capital of the Union section of the South. Mr. Patterson is the son and grand-son of two eminent leaders of the Union sentiment in this section made famous for its loyalty and patriotism. As a representative of Andrew Johnson—Andrew Johnson Patterson should, since no one denies his capacity for the place, have been appointed to this place that he might with poetic appropriateness have distributed the nation's rewards to the deserving followers of his illustrious father and grand-father.

But, it was Andrew Johnson who said "traitors must be punished and treason made odious." It was Andrew Johnson who said, "rebels must take back seats" in the reconstruction of the State Government of Tennessee, and hence the sins of the father and grand-father are visited upon their children by this great reform administration.

But then the victim of Bourbon malice has put little grounds to complain. His mighty influences helped to put the administration in power that put Hoke Smith up and put him down. So goes the world some times.—*Greenville Republican*.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by McFarland & Co.

Bijans Tabules banish pain.

LITERARY NOTES.

Some hitherto unpublished letters of Whittier's, written to an intimate friend, Charlotte Fiske Bates, will appear in the January number of *McClure's Magazine*. They are especially important as being the direct expression of that sweet, serene faith in an overruling Providence and the soul's immortality of which delightful glimpses in Whittier's poems.

Nine good stories in a single number of a magazine are sufficiently unusual to attract attention to the Christmas *Harper's*. The authors are Brander Matthews, whose "The Story of a Story, and Other Stories" has received much favorable notice; Owen Wister, whose "Emily" and "How Lin McLean Went East" are familiar to readers of *Harper's*; Ruth McEnery Stuart, the writer of "Golden Wedding, and Other Tales;" George Egbert Graddock, Howard Pyle, Sarah Orne Jewett, William McManis, well known as the author of delightful Canadian sketches, and now trying his hand at tales of the French Revolution; J. Lincoln Stephens, who contributes a clever monologue, and Harriet Prescott Spofford. To this list might be added Thomas Nelson Page who introduces the "Editor's Drawer" with a humorous skete titled "Rachel's Lover's."

The second edition of the December *World's Fair Cosmopolitan* brings the total up to the extraordinary figure of 400,000 copies, unprecedented result in the history of magazines. Four hundred thousand copies—200 ton—ninety-four million pages—enough to fill 200 wagons with 2000 pounds each—in a single line, in c's order, this would be a file of wagons more than a mile and a half long. This means not less than 2,000,000 readers, scattered throughout every town and village in the United States. The course of *The Cosmopolitan* for the past twelve months may be compared to that of a rolling snowball; more subscribers mean more money spent in buying the best articles and best illustrations in the world; better illustrations and better articles mean more subscribers and so the two things are acting and reacting upon each other until it seems probable that the day is not far distant when the magazine publisher will be able to give so excellent an article that it will claim the attention of every intelligent reader in the country.

The leading article in the January *Forum*—Is "The Teaching of our Recent Economic Experiences," by Mr. David A. Wells. Mr. Wells has summed up the almost incalculable loss caused by the financial panic and analyzed the cause of it with a thoroughness that nobody else has attempted. He finds the deep-lying cause of our fiscal and commercial dangers in the popular ignorance of financial and economic literature and experience on the part not only of the great body of the people but of otherwise well-educated men.

The number contains besides Mr. Wells' article: "The Principle and Method of the New Tariff Bill," by the Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and author of the Bill; "The New Sectionalism: A Western Warning to the East," by Mr. Lindley M. Keasbey, of Colorado—an interesting and first hand study of Western sentiment and its meaning; "English Investors and American Currency Legislation," by W. Wetherell, of the *Liverpool (Eng.) Daily Post*—a well-known and well-informed English writer on finance, who frankly points out how American securities and financial measures are regarded by the several classes of investors in England.

PERSONAL.

It was reported on our streets Thursday that Mr. Cy Lyle, editor of the Johnson City *COMET*, had been appointed postmaster at that place. We congratulate him on his success as we know he will do justice to the honor.—*Elizabethton News*.

Another member of the Pie Brigade has drawn his rations. This time it is an editor. Col. Cy H. Lyle, of the Johnson City *COMET*, which it may be remarked, is no relative of our comet, will edit the Johnson City postoffice for at least the next four years. It is a very handsome Christmas gift and we congratulate Lyle.—*Knoxville Tribune*.

Cy H. Lyle, the hustling editor of THE COMET, has been appointed postmaster at Johnson City. Cy did not sigh in vain. Here's to you, Cy and to the rest of the quill driving fraternity who are signing for pie.—*Knoxville Sentinel*.

It is a prevailing sentiment among many people that the average newspaper man is possessed of a ponderosity (excuse me for that word) of money. It is not our intention to deny it. We merely wish to congratulate Editor Cy Lyle, of the Johnson City *COMET*, on having secured a "fat take." We learn that he has been appointed postmaster at Johnson City. Cy, you're welcome. Shake!—*Bristol News*.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

Mr. Geo. W. Sitton, general manager of the Johnson City Foundry, was in the city Tuesday. He was surprised at the number of buildings going up here.—*Elizabethton News*.

A bad case of attempted rape by a negro upon a white lady, was reported from near town, Tuesday morning. If the black fiend is caught a handy rope may serve the place of judge and jury.—*Rogersville Herald*.

The prospects of having a roller process flouring mill at an early date is very gratifying, not only because it is a necessity that this county has for a long time been suffering for the want of, but it is also another step in the industry direction. One by one these plants are springing up and into existence around us, and in a few years, instead of being able to enumerate the institutions that are employing bread earners on the fingers of one hand, it will be necessary to use several.—*Newport Weekly*.

THE TERRITORIES.

The Senate Committee Meet and Consider Admission Bills.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate Committee on Territories held a meeting today which was devoted to making preliminary arrangements for the consideration of the territorial admission bills. Subcommittees, for the investigation of the various questions involved in connection with the several bills, were appointed as follows:

Utah—Faulkner, Bate, Platt.
Arizona—Hill, Clark, Davis.
New Mexico—Blackburn, White of Calif. ruins, Shoupe.

Oklahoma—Bate, Hill, Hansbrough. There was some discussion of the policy of admission, but it was of an extremely general character and none but a very indefinite opinion could be formed from what was said. There was nothing, however, said to indicate that there will be a determined fight in committee of any of the bills.

Chairman Faulkner was authorized to address a letter to Sidney Clark, of Oklahoma City, in reply to one from him, informing him that he or others would be heard on Jan. 15 on the admission of Oklahoma. Senator Faulkner is understood to be of opinion that hearings will not be necessary in the other case. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. White, Faulkner and Carrey was appointed to consider various bills before the committee relating to Yellowstone Park.

The committee will not meet again until after the Christmas holidays.

COLORADO'S FOOL GOVERNOR.

Vigorously Sat Down Upon By a Business Men's Convention.

Denver, Dec. 21.—Six hundred delegates, representing nearly every municipality in the State, attended the business men's convention in this city today.

Gov. Waite who was present by invitation, promised to give careful consideration to any reasons which the convention might advance, again calling the Legislature in special session as proposed by him.

"I am in favor," he said, "of fighting for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, not all summer, but till hell freezes over."

Resolutions were adopted denying there existed sufficient reason for calling an extra session of the Legislature and declaring such a course would do the State more harm than good. The resolutions also recited that Colorado had almost entirely recovered from the panic, and while the State had been grievously wounded by the demonization of silver, her other resources, such as gold, coal and agriculture, were developing wonderfully.

French Vineyard's Yield.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The *Moniteur Vinicole* publishes full returns of the yield of the French vineyards. The crop is estimated at 1,225,000,000 gallons, against 650,000,000 gallons last year. The total value of the crop is over \$250,000,000, the best since 1877.

M. Zola's Proposition.

Paris, Dec. 25.—M. Emile Zola has written an open letter to the directors of the Russian newspapers strongly appealing to them to take steps to bring about a literary convention between Russia and France.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was effected to an alarming degree appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at McFarland & Co.'s Drug Store.